

America the Beautiful Update

Samuel Rauch | May 2023 CCC Meeting

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Recent Announcements

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- White House Conservation Summit
- The Economic Report of the President
- Bipartisan Infrastructure Law and Inflation Reduction Act
- Initiate Process for Pacific Remote Islands as a national marine sanctuary



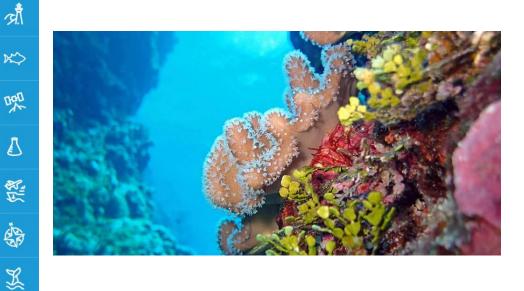
"Conservation" Update

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- Progress is being made by the Administration
- Decision Framework rather than traditional "definition"
- Fishery Management Council
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- Timeline TBD

Atlas Update

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- Target release of beta version of the Atlas planned for Spring/Summer 2023
- NMFS QA/QC'd the CCC managed area database. Quality was very good; a few issues were caught and corrected
- NMFS will consider using CCC managed area database as a foundation for submitting areas to the Atlas





Marine and Coastal Area-Based ž **Management FAC Update**



- New discretionary advisory committee
- Provide advice to NOAA

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- In the process of choosing from almost 100 applicants
 - Expect a Committee of 20
- Expect first meeting to be summer/fall 2023



Federal Interagency Committee for Outdoor Recreation Update





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- FICOR re-established July 2022
- Inter-Agency MOU
- Charter/Work Plan
- FICOR is intended to support the recreational activities under ATB

Engagement with Aquarium Conservation Partnership

• Met with NOAA in February 2023

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- Continued to develop a work plan of actions ACP can take to further the goals of AtB focusing on the following areas:
- Develop a framework of equitable and inclusive best practices to enhance engagement of Indigenous, youth, and communities of color.
- Inspire and mobilize audiences through public engagement, education, and incubation.
- Inform conservation priorities and policies to support new and maintain and/or strengthen existing protected area designation, protection, and monitoring.





Thank you!

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